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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

SEPTEMBER LEE FULLER	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	CIVIL ACTION NO.
	§	
<b>v.</b>	§	JURY DEMAND
	§	
WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.	§	
AND GREGORY GEORGE HITTNER	§	
	§	
Defendants.	8	

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#### TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT CLERK:

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1447(b), attached hereto are the following complete true and correct copies of all documents filed in the state court action:

- 1. Court Docket (10/21/16)
- 2. Plaintiff's Original Petition, Request for Disclosure and Jury Demand (04/21/16)
- 3. Civil Case Information Sheet (04/21/16)
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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on October \_\_\_\_, 2016, the foregoing was filed with the Clerk of the Court for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, using the electronic case filing system of the court. The electronic case filing system sent a "Notice of Electronic Filing" to the following attorneys of record who have consented in writing to accept this Notice as service of documents by electronic means.

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#### **Case Information**

DC-16-04618 | MARK STUBBS vs. NEBRASKA WERNER ENTERPRISES INC, et al

Case Number

Court

File Date 04/21/2016

DC-16-04618

191st District Court

Case Type MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

Case Status **OPEN** 

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### **Events and Hearings**

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PLAINTIFF MARK STUBBS' MOTION FOR NON-SUIT WITH PREJUDICE

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#### **Documents**

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Defendants.	§ §	JUDUCIAL DISTRICT

# PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION, REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE AND JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff, MARK R. STUBBS, files this original petition, request for disclosure and jury demand, against OCTAVIANO MOTA FERNANDEZ and BRYAN'S EXPRESS, INC., Defendants herein, and for cause of action would respectfully show unto the Court the following:

I.

#### **DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN**

1. Pursuant to Rule 190.1 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff intends to proceed with discovery under Level 3 as set forth in Rule 190.4.

II.

#### **CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

2. Pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 47(b), Plaintiff seeks monetary relief over \$1,000,000.00.

III.

#### **PARTIES**

3. Plaintiff MARK R. STUBBS, is a resident of Paducah, Kentucky, and brings this suit in his individual capacity.

- 4. Defendant OCTAVIANO MOTA FERNANDEZ ("Fernandez") is a resident of Dallas County, Texas, and may be served with process at 1143 N Morocco, Dallas, Texas 75211.
- 5. Defendant BRYAN'S EXPRESS, INC., ("Bryan's Express") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas with its principal place of business located at 20951 Mines Road, Laredo, Texas 78045 and may be served with process by serving its registered agent for service of process Raul Martinez, Jr., 8617 Alta Mira Drive, Laredo, Texas 78045. By virtue of maintaining its principal place of business in Texas, Bryan's Express is a Texas citizen.

IV.

#### VENUE

6. Venue is proper in Dallas County, Texas pursuant to §15.002(a)(2), of the Tex. CIV. PRAC. & REM. CODE, as one or more defendants is a resident of Texas in Dallas County.

V.

#### ASSUMED AND COMMON NAMES

7. Pursuant to Rule 28 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby gives Defendants notice that they are being sued in all of their business or common names regardless of whether such businesses are partnerships, unincorporated associations, individuals, entities, and private corporations. In addition to the assumed, common or business names stated elsewhere in this petition, Defendants are known to have used or done business under the following assumed names which include: Bryan's and Bryan's Express.

VI.

#### **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

- 8. On February 28, 2015, at approximately 5:43 a.m., Plaintiff, Mark R. Stubbs, was operating
- a 2015 Freightliner tractor (VIN #3AKJGLD56FSGK1919) and trailer (VIN

#1UYVS25336M671910) in a lawful and prudent manner eastbound on Interstate 30 near Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County, Texas. Suddenly, and without warning, a 2015 Freightliner tractor (VIN #3AKJGLD52FSGB8205) and trailer (VIN #12JJV532W76L969495) jackknifed in the road ahead of Plaintiff. In an attempt to avoid the jackknifed tractor and trailer, Plaintiff left the roadway and came to rest. Suddenly, and without warning a 2000 Peterbilt tractor (VIN #1X95D69X7YN483299) and trailer (VIN #1L01A532841154324) operated by Defendant Fernandez and owned by Defendant Bryan's Express impacted Plaintiff's tractor and trailer, causing injuries to Plaintiff.

#### VII.

#### NEGLIGENCE OF DEFENDANT FERNANDEZ

- 9. Defendant Fernandez had a duty to exercise ordinary care and operate defendant's vehicle reasonably and prudently.
- 10. Defendant Fernandez breached the duty of care by failing to take appropriate evasive actions to avoid the collision.
- 11. Defendant Fernandez's negligent acts, separately or in combination, were a proximate cause of Plaintiff's damages.

#### VIII.

### VICARIOUS LIABILITY OF DEFENDANT BRYAN'S EXPRESS, INC.

12. At the time of the occurrence in question, Defendant Fernandez was an employee, servant, or agent of Defendant Bryan's Express, acting with its permission and authority, and in the course and scope of such employment, servitude, and agency. As such, Defendant Bryan's Express is vicariously liable to the Plaintiff for his damages proximately cause by the negligence of Defendant Fernandez.

#### IX.

#### **DAMAGES**

- 13. The damages sought herein are within the jurisdictional limits of the Court.
- 14. As a result of the acts and/or omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiff has suffered the following damages: pain and suffering in the past and future; mental anguish in the past and future; lost earnings in the past and future; and medical expenses in the past and future.

X.

#### **PREJUDGMENT INTEREST**

15. Plaintiff claims interest at the maximum legal rate on damages suffered as a result of the Defendants' actions.

XI.

#### **CONDITIONS PRECEDENT**

16. All conditions precedent and have been performed or have occurred.

#### XII.

#### **REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE**

- 17. Pursuant to Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 194, Defendants are requested to disclose, within fifty (50) days of service of this Petition, the information or material described in Rule 194.2(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (k) and (l).
- 18. Defendants are requested to produce materials identified in paragraph 18 at Plaintiff's counsel's office.

#### XIII.

#### JURY DEMAND

19. Plaintiff respectfully requests a jury be empaneled to decide the factual issues of the case and tenders the appropriate fee with this petition.

#### XIV.

#### **PRAYER**

20. Plaintiff respectfully prays that she have and recover all judgment of and from the Defendants, for damages, with all costs of court, prejudgment interest at the maximum legal rate, post-judgment interest at the maximum legal rate, and all other relief, both general and special, at law or in equity, to which Plaintiff may show himself justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

SLACK & DAVIS, L.L.P.

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# FORM NO. 353-3 - CITATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To:

OCTAVIANO MOTO FERNANDEZ 1143 N MOROCCO DALLAS TX 75211

#### **GREETINGS:**

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. Your answer should be addressed to the clerk of the **191st District Court** at 600 Commerce Street, Ste. 101, Dallas, Texas 75202.

Said Plaintiff being MARK STUBBS

Filed in said Court 21st day of April, 2016 against

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For Suit, said suit being numbered <u>DC-16-04618</u>, the nature of which demand is as follows: Suit on **MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT** etc. as shown on said petition **REQ FOR DISCLOSURE**, a copy of which accompanies this citation. If this citation is not served, it shall be returned unexecuted.

WITNESS: FELICIA PITRE, Clerk of the District Courts of Dallas, County Texas. Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court at office this 22nd day of April, 2016.

ATTEST: FELICIA PITRE, Clerk of the District Courts of Dallas, County, Texas
/s/ Carmen Moorer

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#### **ESERVE**

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I received the Citation with Plaintiff's Original Petition, Request for Disclosure and Jury Demand on the 27th day of April, 2016 at 12:00 pm to be delivered to **Octaviano Mota Fernandez at:** 

1143 North Morocco Avenue, Dallas, Dallas County, TX 75211.

I, Pam Dawson-Haynes, do hereby affirm that on the 27th day of April, 2016 at 4:49 pm, I:

INDIVIDUALLY/PERSONALLY delivered a true copy of the Citation with Plaintiff's Original Petition, Request for Disclosure and Jury Demand with the date of delivery endorsed thereon by me, to: Octaviano Mota Fernandez at the address of: 1143 North Morocco Avenue, Dallas, Dallas County, TX 75211, and informed said person of the contents therein, in compliance with state statutes.

"My name is Pam Dawson-Haynes. My date of birth is 03/03/1965. My address is 2257 Deer Path Drive, Dallas, Texas 75216 USA. I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Dallas County, State of Texas, on the 28th day of April, 2016."

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Said Plaintiff being MARK STUBBS

Filed in said Court 21st day of April, 2016 against

#### OCTAVIANO MOTO FERNANDEZ AND BRYAN'S EXPRESS INC

For Suit, said suit being numbered <u>DC-16-04618</u>, the nature of which demand is as follows: Suit on MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT etc. as shown on said petition REQ FOR DISCLOSURE. a copy of which accompanies this citation. If this citation is not served, it shall be returned unexecuted.

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ATTEST: FELICIA PITRE, Clerk of the District Courts of Dallas, County, Texas
/s/ Carmen Moorer
By\_\_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

CARMEN MOORER

#### **ESERVE**

CITATION

DC-16-04618

MARK R STUBBS OCTAVIANO MOTA FERNANDEZ, et al

> **ISSUED THIS** 22nd day of April, 2016

**FELICIA PITRE** Clerk District Courts. Dallas County, Texas

By: CARMEN MOORER, Deputy

Attorney for Plaintiff LADD SANGER LSANGER@SLACKDAVIS.COM 2911 TURTLE CREEK BLVD STE 1400 DALLAS TX 75219 214-528-8686

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#### CAUSE NO. DC-16-04618

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Defendants.	§	191 <sup>ST</sup> JUDUCIAL DISTRICT

#### PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED PETITION AND REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE

Plaintiff, MARK R. STUBBS, files this amended petition and request for disclosure, against OCTAVIANO MOTA FERNANDEZ, BRYAN'S EXPRESS, INC., and NEBRASKA WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. Defendants herein, and for cause of action would respectfully show unto the Court the following:

# I. DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN

1. Pursuant to Rule 190.1 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff intends to proceed with discovery under Level 3 as set forth in Rule 190.4.

# II. CLAIM FOR RELIEF

2. Pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 47(b), Plaintiff seeks monetary relief over \$1,000,000.00.

# III. PARTIES

3. Plaintiff MARK R. STUBBS, is a resident of Paducah, Kentucky, and brings this suit in his individual capacity.

- 4. Defendant OCTAVIANO MOTA FERNANDEZ ("Fernandez") is a resident of Dallas County, Texas. Defendant Fernandez has been served with process but has not appeared.
- 5. Defendant BRYAN'S EXPRESS, INC., ("Bryan's Express") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas with its principal place of business located at 20951 Mines Road, Laredo, Texas 78045. By virtue of maintaining its principal place of business in Texas, Bryan's Express is a Texas citizen. Defendant Bryan's Express has been served with process by has not appeared.
- 6. Defendant NEBRASKA WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. ("Werner Enterprises") is a foreign corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its principal place of business located at 14507 Frontier Road, Omaha, Nebraska 68145, is authorized to do business in Texas and may be served with process by serving its registered agent John Vidaurri at 8601 Peterbilt Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75241. At all times relevant to this lawsuit, Defendant Werner Enterprises, conducted business into and within the state of Texas, this lawsuit arose from Defendant Werner Enterprises's business in Texas, and Defendant Werner Enterprises is subject to the in personam jurisdiction of this Court.

### IV. <u>Venue</u>

7. Venue is proper in Dallas County, Texas pursuant to §15.002(a)(2), of the TEX. CIV. PRAC. & REM. CODE, as one or more defendants is a resident of Texas in Dallas County.

# V. ASSUMED AND COMMON NAMES

8. Pursuant to Rule 28 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby gives
Defendants notice that they are being sued in all of their business or common names regardless

of whether such businesses are partnerships, unincorporated associations, individuals, entities, and private corporations. In addition to the assumed, common or business names stated elsewhere in this petition, Defendants are known to have used or done business under the following assumed names which include: Bryan's, Bryan's Express, Werner, Werner Enterprises, and Nebraska Werner.

### VI. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

9. On February 28, 2015, at approximately 5:43 a.m., Plaintiff, Mark R. Stubbs, was operating a 2015 Freightliner tractor and trailer in a lawful and prudent manner eastbound on Interstate 30 near Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County, Texas. Suddenly, and without warning, a 2015 Freightliner tractor (VIN #3AKJGLD52FSGB8205) and trailer (VIN #12JJV532W76L969495) owned and operated by Defendant Werner Enterprises jackknifed in the road ahead of Plaintiff. Plaintiff attempted to avoid the jackknifed tractor and trailer, however he could not avoid the trailer blocking the roadway and hit it while attempting the evasive maneuver. Plaintiff's vehicle departed the roadway. Suddenly, and without warning a 2000 Peterbilt tractor and trailer operated by Defendant Fernandez and owned by Defendant Bryan's Express also attempted evasive action to avoid the Werner tractor trailer but impacted Plaintiff's vehicle. Plaintiff was injured in the collision with the other trucks.

# VII. NEGLIGENCE OF DEFENDANT FERNANDEZ

- 10. Defendant Fernandez had a duty to exercise ordinary care and operate defendant's vehicle reasonably and prudently.
- 11. Defendant Fernandez breached the duty of care by failing to take appropriate evasive actions to avoid the collision.

12. Defendant Fernandez's negligent acts, separately or in combination, were a proximate cause of Plaintiff's damages.

# VIII. VICARIOUS LIABILITY OF DEFENDANT BRYAN'S EXPRESS, INC.

13. At the time of the occurrence in question, Defendant Fernandez was an employee, servant, or agent of Defendant Bryan's Express, acting with its permission and authority, and in the course and scope of such employment, servitude, and agency. As such, Defendant Bryan's Express is vicariously liable to the Plaintiff for his damages proximately caused by the negligence of Defendant Fernandez.

#### VIX.

# VICARIOUS LIABILITY OF DEEFNDANT NEBRASKA WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. D/B/A WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.

- 14. At the time of the occurrence in question, Gregory Hittner was an employee, servant, or agent of Defendant Werner Enterprises acting with its permission and authority, and in the course and scope of such employment, servitude, and agency. As such, Defendant Werner Enterprise is vicariously liable to the Plaintiff for his damages proximately caused by the negligence of Gregory Hittner, which includes but is not limited to:
  - (a) Driving too fast for conditions;
  - (b) Failing to inspect the truck and trailer's parking brake to ensure it was in a condition for safe operations;
  - (c) Negligently operating the vehicle to cause it to jackknife;
  - (d) Speeding; and
  - (e) Negligently operating the vehicle by engaging the trailer parking brake while the truck and trailer were moving.

### X. DAMAGES

- 15. The damages sought herein are within the jurisdictional limits of the Court.
- 16. As a result of the acts and/or omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiff has suffered the following damages: pain and suffering in the past and future; mental anguish in the past and future; lost earnings in the past and future; and medical expenses in the past and future.

# XI. PREJUDGMENT INTEREST

17. Plaintiff claims interest at the maximum legal rate on damages suffered as a result of the Defendants' actions.

# XII. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

18. All conditions precedent and have been performed or have occurred.

# XIII. REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE

- 19. Pursuant to Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 194, Defendants are requested to disclose, within fifty (50) days of service of this Petition, the information or material described in Rule 194.2(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (k) and (l).
- 20. Defendants are requested to produce materials identified in paragraph 18 at Plaintiff's counsel's office.

### XIV. Prayer

21. Plaintiff respectfully prays that she have and recover all judgment of and from the Defendants, for damages, with all costs of court, prejudgment interest at the maximum legal rate, post-judgment interest at the maximum legal rate, and all other relief, both general and special, at law or in equity, to which Plaintiff may show himself justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

SLACK & DAVIS, L.L.P.

Ladd C. Sanger Texas State Bar No. 00797378 2911 Turtle Creek Boulevard, Suite 1400 Dallas, Texas 75219

Telephone: (214) 528-8686 Telecopier: (214) 528-6989 Isanger@slackdavis.com

/s/ Ladd C. Sanger

LADD C. SANGER

Attorney for Plaintiff

# FORM NO. 353-3 - CITATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

#### To:

NEBRASKA WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC BY SERVING ITS REGISTERED AGENT JOHN VIDAURRI 8601 PETERBILT AVENUE DALLAS TX 75241

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Said Plaintiff being MARK STUBBS

Filed in said Court 3rd day of May, 2016 against

# OCTAVIANO MOTA FERNANDEZ; BRYAN'S EXPRESS, INC.; and NEBRASKA WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC

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/s/ Sacheen Anthony

**SACHEEN ANTHONY** 



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DC-16-04618

MARK STUBBS vs. OCTAVIANO FERNANDEZ, et al

ISSUED THIS 11th day of May, 2016

FELICIA PITRE Clerk District Courts, Dallas County, Texas

By: SACHEEN ANTHONY, Deputy

#### **Attorney for Plaintiff**

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# DALLAS COUNTY SERVICE FEES NOT PAID

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### **CAUSE NO. DC-16-04618**

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FERNANDEZ AND BRYAN'S	§	
EXPRESS, INC.	§	
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DEFENDANTS.	§	191 <sup>ST</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

# DEFENDANTS' ORIGINAL ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

#### TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

**COME NOW**, Octaviano Mota Fernandez and Bryan's Express, Inc., Defendants in the above-styled and numbered cause, and file this Original Answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition and Demand for Jury Trial, and would respectfully show the Court the following:

I.

### **GENERAL DENIAL**

Defendants generally deny each and every, all and singular, the material allegations contained in the Plaintiff's Original Petition and, being allegations of fact, demand that the Plaintiff be required to prove such allegations by a preponderance of the evidence if the Plaintiff can so do.

II.

### **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Defendants hereby demand a trial by jury and submit the appropriate jury fee.

III.

Defendants request Level III Discovery Plan.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendants pray that Plaintiff takes nothing by this suit; and that Defendants go hence without delay and recover all costs expended in Defendants' behalf. Praying further, Defendants pray for such other and further relief, either at law or in equity, to which Defendants may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAMBLEE, RYAN, KERSHAW & ANDERSON, P.C.

By: /s/ Jeffery M. Kershaw

JEFFERY M. KERSHAW State Bar No. 11355020 CHRISTOPHER B. WOOD State Bar No. 24056670

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2777 Stemmons Freeway, Suite 1157 Dallas, Texas 75207 (214) 905-2003 (214) 905-1213 (Facsimile)

ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANTS
OCTAVIANO MOTA FERNANDEZ AND
BRYAN'S EXPRESS, INC.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document has been forwarded by electronic filing and facsimile to Plaintiff's counsel of record, Mr. Ladd C. Sanger, *Slack & Davis, L.L.P.*, 2911 Turtle Creek Blvd., Suite 1400, Dallas, Texas 75219, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

/s/ Jeffery M. Kershaw JEFFERY M. KERSHAW

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#### **CAUSE NO. DC-16-04618**

MARK R. STUBBS

v. \$ IN THE DISTRICT COURT

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OCTAVIANO MOTA FERNANDEZ; \$ BRYAN'S EXPRESS, INC. and \$ NEBRASKA WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.

#### **DEFENDANT'S ORIGINAL ANSWER**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW NEBRASKA WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC., Defendant named in the above entitled and numbered cause, and files this its Original Answer, and for same would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

I.

#### GENERAL DENIAL

Defendant denies each and every, all and singular, the material allegations contained within Plaintiff's pleadings and demands strict proof thereof.

II.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

In accordance with Rule 216 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant demands a trial by jury. Simultaneously with the filing of this demand, a jury fee is being paid on behalf of this Defendant.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant NEBRASKA WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. prays that the Plaintiff take nothing by this suit, that Defendant go hence with its costs without delay, and for such other and

further relief, both general and special, at law and in equity, to which Defendant may show itself justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

FEE, SMITH, SHARP & VITULLO, L.L.P

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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT NEBRASKA WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This WILL CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument has been mailed, telecopied or hand delivered to all attorneys of record in this cause of action on the day of June, 2016 as follows:

Via E-Service & Facsimile 214-528-6989

Ladd C. Sanger Slack & Davis, LLP 2911 Turtle Creek Blvd., Suite 1400 Dallas, Texas 75219

DANIEL M. KARP



# In The District Court of Dallas County, Texas 191<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court

6/22/2016

JEFFERY MARK KERSHAW 2777 STEMMONS PLACE SUITE 1157 DALLAS TX 75207

IN RE: DC-16-04618 MARK STUBBS vs. OCTAVIANO FERNANDEZ, et al

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Chambers of Judge Gena Slaughter

**JURY PRE-TRIAL ORDER** 

DC-16-04618

MARK STUBBS vs.
OCTAVIANO FERNANDEZ, et al

This case is set on the Court's two week docket for Jury Trial on 12/11/2017@ 9:30 A.M.

This date was chosen because it seems realistic based on the information on file. You should consider this to be a final setting and be prepared to go to trial.

Discovery is to be commenced, accomplished and completed pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 190 et seq.

No continuances of the trial setting or the discovery deadline will be granted except upon good cause shown following a hearing on a Motion of Continuance.

Trial announcements must be made in accordance with Rule 3.02 Dallas Civil Court Rules: Requests to Continue a Trial Date:

a. Unless otherwise permitted by Court policy, no request to pass, postpone or reset any trial shall be granted unless counsel for all parties consent, or unless all parties not joining in such request or their counsel have been notified and have had opportunity to object; provided, however, that failure to make an announcement under Local Rule 3.02 shall constitute that party's consent to dismiss for want of prosecution any case set for trial the following week.

b. after a case has been on file for one year, it shall not be reset for a party except upon written motion for continuance and granted by the Court. c. Except as provided by statute, no party is entitled of right to a "pass" of any trial setting.

No dispositive motions will be heard within 30 days of the trial date. Any Daubert/Robinson Challenges must be set and heard no later than 30 days before trial.

The Court directs the parties to submit a propose jury charge on a flash drive. All exhibits should be pre-marked before hearing or trial.

Plaintiff/Plaintiff's counsel shall serve a copy of this Order on any currently named defendant(s) answering after this date.

June 22, 2016

DISTRICT JUDGE

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Marissa Pittman

#### CAUSE NO. DC-16-04618

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Defendants.	§	191st JUDICIAL DISTRICT

# ORIGINAL PLEA IN INTERVENTION OF SEPTEMBER LEE FULLER

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Intervenor September Lee Fuller files her Original Plea in Intervention against Defendants Werner Enterprises, Inc. and Gregory George Hittner and in support respectfully shows the Court and jury as follows:

# I. DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN

1. Pursuant to Rule 190.1 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Intervenor intends to conduct discovery under Rule 190.4 (Level 3) of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

### II. PARTIES

2. Intervenor, September Lee Fuller, ("Intervenor" or "Fuller") is a natural person residing in Hopkins County, Texas. The last three digits of Plaintiff's Texas driver's license are

- 425. The last three digits of Plaintiff's social security number are 421. Intervenor has a justiciable interest in the matters in controversy in this litigation because, as a victim of the negligence of Defendant Werner and its employee driver that caused the chain of events at issue in this case, Intervenor could have been named as a plaintiff in the original action.
- 3. Plaintiff Mark R. Stubbs has appeared in this action for all purposes and will be served with this Original Plea in Intervention through his attorney of record, Ladd C. Sanger, Slack & Davis, L.L.P., 2911 Turtle Creek Boulevard, Suite 1400, Dallas, Texas 75219.
- 4. Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc. ("Werner") has appeared in this action for all purposes and will be served with this Original Plea in Intervention through its attorney of record, Michael P. Sharp, Fee, Smith, Sharp & Vitullo, L.L.P., Three Galleria Tower, 13155 Noel Road, Suite 1000, Dallas, Texas 75240.
- 5. Defendant, Gregory George Hittner ("Hittner") is an individual, who at all relevant times, resided at 7721 Henry Mansfield, Henry, Tennessee 38321. Pursuant to §17.062(a) of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code, Hittner may be served with process by substituted service via the chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission in the manner prescribed in § 17.063 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code at his home address: 7721 Henry Mansfield, Henry, Tennessee 38321.

# III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. This Court has jurisdiction over this Original Plea in Intervention because the Plea concerns the same general subject matter as the original claims asserted by Plaintiff Stubbs against Defendant Werner. Subject matter jurisdiction of this cause rests with this Court as the amount in controversy exceeds its minimum jurisdictional requirements. The wreck at issue in this case occurred while Defendant Hittner, an employee of Defendant Werner, was operating a

commercial vehicle in the course and scope of his employment with Werner on the public roadways of Texas, therefore establishing the necessary contacts with the State of Texas and establishing in personam jurisdiction. See Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code §17.062(a). The wreck that makes the basis of Intervenor's claims occurred in the State of Texas. The Court's exercise of personal jurisdiction over Defendant Hittner is consistent with all applicable statutory requirements and constitutional guarantees.

- 7. While the amount of damages to be awarded will be a decision made by a jury of Plaintiff's peers, to comply with Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 47, as revised, Plaintiff states that she is seeking damages pursuant to Rule 47(c)(4).
- 8. Venue of Intervenor's claims is proper in Dallas County, Texas pursuant to Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code § 15.002(a)(3) because Defendant Werner's principal office in the State of Texas is in Dallas County, Texas.

# IV. FACTS

9. In the early morning of February 28, 2015, Intervenor Fuller was traveling east bound in the left lane of Interstate 30 in Hopkins County, Texas. Defendant Hittner had previously been traveling east bound on Interstate 30, in a 2015 Freightliner Tractor (the "Tractor") pulling a 2006 Wabash National Corporation trailer (the "Trailer"). At the time of the incident in question, Defendant Hittner was operating the Tractor-Trailer rig under Defendant Werner's care, custody, and control. Defendant Hittner failed to control his speed on an icy roadway and slid off the road. Defendant Hittner's Tractor-Trailer rig came to a stop partially off Interstate 30, with the trailer blocking the left lane, and part of the right lane of eastbound traffic on Interstate 30. Due to darkness outside, the fact that the Trailer did not have operable running lights, and Defendant Hittner's failure to take steps to warn following traffic of the

Trailer's position across the roadway, shortly after Plaintiff Stubbs apparently struck the Hittner/Werner Tractor-Trailer rig, Intervenor Fuller struck the Tractor-Trailer rig driven by Defendant Hittner and owned by Defendant Werner, causing property damage and serious bodily injury to Intervenor Fuller's right knee and back.

- 10. Defendant Hittner was, at all times relevant hereto, the employee and/or permissive operator of the Tractor Trailer rig he was operating on the date of the wreck. Specifically, at all material times relevant to this wreck, Defendant Hittner was a permissive user of the Tractor Trailer rig owned by Defendant Werner. Defendant Hittner's failure to ensure that he could safely operate his Tractor Trailer rig on an icy roadway at an appropriate speed without losing control of the Tractor Trailer rig was the sole cause, or alternatively, a proximate cause, of the wreck that makes the basis of Intervenor's claims in this case.
- 11. At all relevant times, Intervenor was acting in a lawful and safe manner as the driver in her vehicle and was properly restrained in the front, driver's seat of that vehicle.
- 12. As a result of the force and impact of the collision with Tractor Trailer rig operated by Defendant Hittner, Intervenor sustained severe and debilitating injuries to her right knee and back for which she has received, and is currently receiving, medical treatment.

# V. CAUSES OF ACTION

### Negligence Against Defendants Hittner and Werner

- 13. Intervenor hereby incorporates paragraphs 9 through 12 as if fully set forth herein.
- 14. Defendant Hittner had a duty to exercise the degree of care that a reasonably prudent person would use to avoid harm to others under circumstances similar to those described herein.

- 15. At the time and place in question, Defendant Hittner, as well as Defendant Werner by and through Hittner, its employee, was guilty of negligence in the following particulars:
  - a. failing to maintain a proper lookout as a person using ordinary care would have done under the same or similar circumstances;
  - b. failing to control speed as would have been done by a person exercising ordinary care and prudence under the same or similar circumstances;
  - c. driving in a negligent and unsafe manner;
  - d. obstructing a highway;
  - e. failing to adequately warn other drivers of the trailer's position interfering with two lanes of traffic; and,
  - f. failing to operate the Tractor-Trailer rig as a reasonably prudent person would have done under the same or similar circumstances.
- 16. Intervenor would show that each of the foregoing acts and/or omissions constituted negligence and that one, more than one, or all of such acts and/or omissions and various combinations thereof were a proximate cause of the collision in question, and the serious, debilitating injuries, harms and losses sustained by Intervenor.
- 17. Defendant Hittner's conduct also constitutes negligence per se because Defendant Hittner violated the following statutes and/or regulations:
  - a. failure to keep his Tractor-Trailer rig under control and within the proper lane of traffic: Tex. Transp. Code § 545.060(a);
  - b. failure to control speed: Tex. Transp. Code §§ 545.351-353;
  - c. failure to park, stand or stop his Tractor-Trailer rig safely. Tex. Transp. Code §§ 545.302-304;
  - d. failure to provide adequate warnings of the trailer's position over two lanes of traffic; and

e. failure to exercise extreme caution in conditions of ice, sleet, and snow: 49 CFR 392.3 and 49 CFR 392.14.

The above statutes are designed to protect a class of persons to which Intervenor Fuller belongs against the type of injury and damages suffered by Intervenor Fuller. The above statutes are the type that impose tort liability. Defendant Hittner's violation of the above statutes was without a legal excuse. Defendant Hittner's breach of the duty imposed by the above statutes proximately caused injury to Intervenor Fuller, which resulted in the damages described below.

# Negligence Against Defendant Werner

- 18. Intervenor hereby incorporates paragraphs 9 through 17 as if fully set forth herein.
- 19. Defendant Werner had a duty to exercise the degree of care that a reasonably prudent person would use to avoid harm to others under circumstances similar to those described herein.
- 20. Intervenor would show that Defendant Werner's omissions or acts through its officers, employees, or agents, as set forth herein and otherwise, constitutes negligence, each and all of which were a proximate cause of the wreck and Intervenor's resulting injuries, harms and losses. These acts and/omissions include but are not limited to the following:
  - a. failing to develop and implement policies and procedures relating to the safe use of company vehicles by inexperienced employee drivers or inexperienced permissive drivers or hired hands over whom it exercised control;
  - b. failing to adequately and/or properly train and supervise its employee drivers and/or permissive drivers and/or hired hands over whom it exercised control in compliance with the FMCSR;
  - c. failing to ensure that its employees, inexperienced permissive drivers and/or hired hands over whom it exercised control had the requisite amount of experience to operate a company vehicle;
  - d. failing to adequately manage, direct, and/or supervise its employees, permissive drivers and/or hired hands over whom it exercised control;

- e. failing to exercise reasonable care in the supervision of employees, permissive drivers and/or hired hands over whom it exercised control;
- f. failing to reasonably exercise the supervisory right of its employees, permissive drivers and/or hired hands over whom it exercised control;
- g. failing to stop its employees, permissive drivers and/or hired hands over whom it exercised control from operating company vehicles in an unsafe manner and failing to instruct employees, permissive drivers and/or hired hands over whom it exercised control to operate company vehicles in a manner that would have prevented the serious injuries sustained by Plaintiff on the date of the wreck;
- h. failing to ensure a competent, adequately trained and experienced employee, permissive driver and/or hired hand over whom it exercised control, was operating the subject company vehicle on the date of the wreck;
- i. failing to ensure a competent supervisor or other worker was assigned and was working at all times to safely monitor its employees, permissive drivers and/or hired hands over whom it exercised control, to ensure that such persons could safely operate company vehicles pursuant to the FMCSR;
- j. failing to ensure that its agents, servants, employees, permissive drivers and/or hired hands over whom it exercised control could properly and safely operate company vehicles on the date of the wreck pursuant to the FMCSR; and,
- k. failing to comply with the provisions of the FMCSR, in whole or in part, as it relates to the operation of the company vehicle being operated by Hill on the date of the wreck.
- 21. Intervenor would show that each of the foregoing acts and/or omissions constituted negligence and that one, more than one, or all of such acts and/or omissions and various combinations thereof were a proximate cause of the wreck, and the serious, debilitating and life altering injuries, harms and losses sustained by Intervenor.

#### Respondent Superior/Agency

22. During the time frame for the wreck and the events/circumstances that led to the wreck, as well as all other material times, Defendant Hittner was the employee or agent/representative of Defendant Werner. At all material times and when the wreck occurred, Defendant Hittner was acting within the course and scope of his employment for Defendant

Werner or within the scope of his agency for Defendant Werner. Defendant Werner also has statutory responsibility for Defendant Hittner's conduct and omissions related to the accident in issue and the circumstances leading up to, and after, the wreck.

- 23. At all material times and when the accident occurred, Defendant Hittner was engaged in the furtherance of Defendant Werner's business.
- 24. At all material times and when the accident occurred, Defendant Hittner was engaged in accomplishing a task for which he was employed or retained as an agent/representative of Defendant Werner.
- 25. Intervenor Fuller invokes the doctrines of RESPONDEAT SUPERIOR and AGENCY against Defendant Werner, who has vicarious liability for all of Defendant Hittner's conduct related to or arising out of the Tractor-Trailer rig involved in the February 28, 2015 wreck at issue in this case. Defendant Werner also has liability for Defendant Hittner's conduct under 49 C.F.R. § 390.5.

## **Negligent Entrustment**

26. Intervenor alleges that Defendant Werner negligently entrusted the Tractor Trailer rig to Defendant Hittner. Defendant Werner owned the Tractor Trailer rig, exercised control of who was allowed to operate the Tractor Trailer rig and Defendant Hittner was permissively operating it at the time of the wreck. Intervenor asserts that Defendant Werner entrusted the Tractor Trailer rig to Hittner on the date of the wreck, that Hittner was an incompetent and dangerous driver at the time of the entrustment, that Werner knew or should have known that Hittner was an incompetent and dangerous driver, that Hittner was negligent in causing the wreck and that Hittner's negligence in causing the wreck was a proximate cause of Intervnor's injuries, harms and losses.

# VI. DAMAGES

- 27. Intervenor hereby incorporates Paragraphs 6 through 26 as if fully set forth herein.
- 28. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendants Hittner and Werner, Intervenor Fuller's vehicle was totally demolished in the wreck in issue. Intervenor Fuller sustained property damages in the amount of \$10,000.00 related to her vehicle being totaled in the wreck.
- 29. As a direct and proximate result of the occurrence made the basis of this lawsuit, Intervenor Fuller suffered bodily injury to her right knee and back, and incurred the following damages:
- a. Reasonable medical care and expenses in the past. These expenses were incurred by Intervenor Fuller for the necessary care and treatment of the injuries resulting from the wreck complained of herein and such charges are reasonable and were usual and customary charges for such services in the county in which they were rendered;
- b. Reasonable and necessary medical care and expenses which will in all reasonable medical probability be incurred in the future;
  - c. Physical pain and suffering in the past;
  - d. Physical pain and suffering in the future;
  - e. Mental anguish in the past;
  - f. Mental anguish in the future;
  - g. Physical impairment in the past; and,
  - h. Physical impairment in the future.

# VII. RULE 193.7 NOTICE

30. Pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 193.7, Intervenor hereby gives actual notice to Defendants Werner and Hittner that any and all documents produced may be used against the Defendant producing the document at any pre-trial proceeding and/or at the trial of this matter without the necessity of authenticating the documents.

# VIII. PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Intervenor Fuller respectfully prays that judgment be entered for Intervenor Fuller against Defendants Werner and Hittner jointly and severally for compensatory damages, together with pre-judgment interest (from the date of injury through the date of judgment) at the maximum rate allowed by law; post-judgment interest at the legal rate, costs of court; and such other and further relief to which Intervenor Fuller may be entitled at law or in equity.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARK STUBBS VS. OCTAVIANO FERNANDEZ, ET AL

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#### CAUSE NO. DC-16-04618

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Defendants § DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

# <u>DEFENDANTS GREGORY GEORGE HITTNER and</u> WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.'S ORIGINAL ANSWER

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW GREGORY GEORGE HITTNER and NEBRASKA WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC., Defendants named in the above entitled and numbered cause, and files this its Original Answer, and for same would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

I.

## **GENERAL DENIAL**

Defendant denies each and every, all and singular, the material allegations contained within Plaintiff's pleadings and demands strict proof thereof.

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#### JURY DEMAND

In accordance with Rule 216 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant demands a trial by jury. Simultaneously with the filing of this demand, a jury fee is being paid on behalf of this Defendant.

#### III.

# **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

Defendant affirmatively pleads that the jury should consider the comparative fault or causative negligence of any other party, settling party, designated responsible third party and/or non-party, for their actions or inactions in operating their vehicles as they relate to the events made the basis of this lawsuit and Plaintiff's claims and alleged damages.

Defendant affirmatively pleads that it is entitled to an offset and credit in the amount of any settlements obtained by Plaintiff for the claims in this matter from any other parties.

Defendant affirmatively pleads that any other final judgments in any other proceedings regarding the same claims and damages alleged by Plaintiff in this matter have collateral estoppel and res judicata effect on the Plaintiff's claims in this case.

Defendant would show that some or all of the events made the basis of Plaintiff's claims against it were an emergency. Defendant would also show that some or all of the events made the basis of the Plaintiff's claims against it were an unavoidable accident.

Defendant would show that Plaintiff is limited to the recovery of medical expenses that are both reasonable and necessary, and further that such recovery is limited to those medical expenses actually "paid or incurred" pursuant to Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code §41.0105.

Defendant would show that Plaintiff is limited in any attempt for the recovery of lost earnings and/or earnings capacity pursuant to Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code §18.091.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant GREGORY GEORGE
HITTNER and NEBRASKA WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a WERNER
ENTERPRISES, INC. prays that the Plaintiff take nothing by this suit, that Defendant go hence
with its costs without delay, and for such other and further relief, both general and special, at law
and in equity, to which Defendant may show itself justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CAUSE NO. DC-16-04618**

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GREGORY GEORGE HITTNER,	§	
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Defendants	§	DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

# <u>DEFENDANTS GREGORY GEORGE HITTNER AND WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO DESIGNATE RESPONSIBLE THIRD-PARTY</u>

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

#### COMES NOW, GREGORY GEORGE HITTNER and WERNER ENTERPRISES,

**INC.,** Defendants in the above entitled and numbered cause, and pursuant to Chapter §33.004 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, files this, its Motion for Leave to Designate Responsible Third Party, and for same would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

I.

#### **FACTS**

On or about July 28, 2014, Defendant Gregory George Hittner was driving a 2014 Freightliner Tractor for Werner Enterprises, Inc. As he was traveling on the highway, his tractor parking brakes engaged while at highway speeds, causing his vehicle to jackknife and slide off

the roadway outside his control. As a result of this unexpected and unforeseen brake failure, Plaintiff has brought claims as against both Defendants for damages. The parking brake failure was caused, in whole or in part, by the defective design and/or manufacturing of the 2014 Freightliner Tractor. The responsible third-party for the design and/or manufacturing of the Tractor is Daimler Trucks North America, 4747 Channel Ave., Portland, OR 97217 (Phone (503) 745-8000).

II.

#### **DESIGNATION**

Pursuant to Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code §33.004, Defendants hereby designate Daimler Trucks North America as a Responsible Third Party for purposes of assessing liability and apportionment of negligence. There is no prejudice to Plaintiff, as the case has only just begun, there have been no depositions, and the statute of limitations has not expired at this time.

Based upon said allegations, Defendants GREGORY GEORGE HITTNER and WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. hereby move this Court to GRANT its Motion for Leave and to ORDER that Daimler Trucks North America be designated a responsible third party pursuant to Chapter §33.004 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. Defendants GREGORY GEORGE HITTNER and WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. hereby further seek any further relief, both general and special, at law or in equity, to which they may show themselves justly entitled.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This Will Certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument has been served via ecf and facsimile to all attorneys of record in this cause of action on the 17<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2016 as follows:

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# **CAUSE NO. DC-16-04618**

MARK R. STUBBS	§ IN THE DISTRICT COURT
Plaintiff	§ § 8
And	<pre>\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 191 JUDICIAL DISTRICT</pre>
SEPTEMBER LEE FULLER	8 8 8
Intervenor	
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OCTAVIANO MOTA FERNANDEZ, BRYAN'S EXPRESS, INC., NEBRASKA WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a WERNER ENTERPRISES and GREGORY GEORGE HITTNER,	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Defendants	§     DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
WERNER ENTERPRISES, IN	GREGORY GEORGE HITTNER AND C.'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO NSIBLE THIRD-PARTY
ON THIS DAY the Court considered	the Motion for Leave to Designate Responsible
Third Party. The Court is of the opinion that	the Motion for Leave to Designate Responsible
Third Party should be <b>GRANTED</b> .	
It is, therefore, ORDERED that Da	imler Trucks North America be designated a
responsible third-party pursuant to Chapter §3	3.004 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies
Code.	
SIGNED this day of	, 2016.

JUDGE PRESIDING

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#### **CAUSE NO. DC-16-04618**

MARK R. STUBBS	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
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Plaintiff	§	
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Intervenor	8	191 JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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OCTAVIANO MOTA FERNANDEZ,	§	
BRYAN'S EXPRESS, INC., NEBRASKA	§	
WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a	§	
WERNER ENTERPRISES and	§	
GREGORY GEORGE HITTNER,	§	
	§	
Defendants	8	DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

#### PLAINTIFF MARK R. STUBBS MOTION FOR NON-SUIT WITH PREJUDICE

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW, MARK STUBBS, Plaintiff in the above entitled and numbered cause, and files this, its Motion for Nonsuit with Prejudice as to all Defendants, and would respectfully show the Court as follows:

Plaintiff and Defendants have resolved the issues among them and Plaintiff no longer wishes to pursue his claims as against Defendants.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff prays that the above styled and number caused be dismissed with prejudice as to all Defendants.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

THIS WILL CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument has been served via ecf and facsimile to all attorneys of record in this cause of action on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016 as follows:

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MARK R. STUBBS	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
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Plaintiff	§	
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Intervenor	§	191 JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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OCTAVIANO MOTA FERNANDEZ,	§	
BRYAN'S EXPRESS, INC., NEBRASKA	§	
WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a	§	
WERNER ENTERPRISES and	§	
GREGORY GEORGE HITTNER,	§	
	§	
Defendants	§	DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

#### ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF MARK R. STUBBS MOTION FOR NON-SUIT

ON THIS DAY the Court considered Plaintiff MARK STUBBS Motion for Nonsuit as to all Defendants. The Court is of the opinion that the Motion for Nonsuit with Prejudice should be **GRANTED.** 

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that Plaintiff MARK STUBB'S claims, in their entirety, are hereby dismissed as to all Defendants with prejudice. Costs shall be paid by the party incurring same.

#### AGREED:

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WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a	§	
WERNER ENTERPRISES and	§	
GREGORY GEORGE HITTNER,	§	
,	§	
Defendants	§	DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

# ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS GREGORY GEORGE HITTNER AND WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO DESIGNATE RESPONSIBLE THIRD-PARTY

ON THIS DAY the Court considered the Motion for Leave to Designate Responsible Third Party. The Court is of the opinion that the Motion for Leave to Designate Responsible Third Party should be **GRANTED**.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that Daimler Trucks North America be designated a responsible third-party pursuant to Chapter §33.004 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

SIGNED this da

JUDGE PRESIDING